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GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The *Observer* to-day states that the British Government has sent a despatch to Washington withdrawing from its agreement to submit the Alabama claims to arbitration before the Geneva Board, if the liability of England for indirect damages remains an open question. The despatch is couched in friendly terms, and is an expression of an earnest desire on the part of Her Majesty's Government to carry out all the provisions of the Treaty of Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—It is said in official circles that the Government has no information to excite fears that the Geneva arbitration will fail of its object, notwithstanding the comments of the London press respecting the American construction of the case before that tribunal,—and which is called to the fact that in commission the British High Commissioners Queen Victoria pledged her Royal word that whatever evidence should be transacted and concluded by her High Commissioners should be agreed to, accepted, and regarded by her in the fullest manner, and that she would never suffer, either in whole or in part, any person whomsoever to break the same, or to act contrary thereto, as far as in her power lay.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 4.—Cotton at a late hour yesterday became firmer, and prices advanced a sixteenth. Middling uplands were last quoted at 12¼d, and middling orleans 12½d.

FRANCE.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A Paris correspondent by the last steamer of the 17th says: "Public opinions are thus given: 'In all revolutions, I honor the principles on which it was made; but I despise the members of the party who compromised by their conduct one of the grandest popular movements that the world has witnessed. Only think, a party that has been hounded on by Thiers, and the young Republic and to murder her before, how easily the vagaries of the Commune would have been the consequence of the most secret towns or centres of civilisation! Thoroughly we should be laying by this the foundation principles of personal liberty. There was, not long ago, a bold adventurer, in open daylight, broke his oath to preserve inviolable the French Republic, and he was he who cared to stand between him and the throne. He coveted Louis Napoleon's attack the reign of darkness, fatal France bearing the fruit of deadly-won liberty, and, whom I shall never cease to abhor, will despair into the heart of every patriot. Imperialism, the French, nothing of enthusiasm which is the life-blood of this people. He enervated, renedmen by corruption and luxury, and so cowed them into submission that they became the more slaves of the. He led them like a fold of sheep to be devoured by a monster, Caesar or Jesus. But little self-respect there still remained gestures. My whole life has been ruined by my opposition to the Empire, and I have the promised land. I think a measure Louis Napoleon's is M. Thiers'. Those of him a great statesman knew little of the man. He will be a great statesman, but if clear-headed and merciful, he will be the distinguishing features of leaders of the Republic, and for the last two years Paris—that is France—has had a series of ordinary men at the head of affairs—Olivier, Trochu, etc. The first made himself ridiculous by his appeal to his liberalism with imperialism; the last made the population of Paris suffer hunger for a few months, and disarmed it, to the enemy without striking a blow [illegible] the third signed a disgraceful treaty with the German leader, treated [illegible] complaints of the Parisians with [illegible] provoked them to civil war, [illegible] the progress of the Republic by [illegible], imprisoning, and assassinating its adherents; by gagging the press, by letting loose [illegible] a swarm of mercenary reactionists and spies, and by encouraging the [illegible] of degenerated royalists and gravelling [illegible]. You ask me what I think of M. Thiers' present Government? I will tell you in my opinion: It has long ago ceased to [illegible] country, composed for [illegible] part of men who were [illegible] elected for the special [illegible] to terms with the enemy, [illegible] usurping the place of the real Representatives, who are waiting for a dissolution. M. Thiers knows that as long as he is able to keep his satellites about him. If another were to be elected to-morrow, M. Thiers and his party would be sent into disgrace. Their only ground is their disk. His home policy and the views of State by the Republic, which he made to the people. His foreign policy [illegible] Bismarck by yielding to all his requirements, and by dealing measures like that of universal military service, which might enable him to keep his hands again. In his conduct [illegible] which he has shown [illegible] to keep Thiers in office; but, whether he deserve or not, his Government is based on [illegible] and let it well be provisional, republican, or monarchial its fall is certain. Until [illegible] our much-tried country, men of his [illegible] will withhold dragging the nation [illegible] with A. Napoleon must save by [illegible] Thiers must have [illegible] revolutions. The extreme [illegible] of our party are subject to the [illegible] of patriotism; the extreme men [illegible] Republic are carried away by the delirium [illegible] but, of the two, I prefer [illegible]. Where will M. Thiers and his ark be [illegible] They will have been swept away [illegible] over the earth, like the children of the Deluge. But the responsibility of [illegible] country is

CHURCH DEDICATION.

Dedication of a New Church on Michigan Avenue.

Description of the New Edifice--Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Fowler.

Another church has been added to the long list of Methodist churches in this city. The new edifice stands at the corner of Michigan avenue and Thirty-third street. It was dedicated yesterday with appropriate exercises. A brief allusion to it was made in our building article yesterday morning. The interior of the building, which is of wood, although plain and unpretending, is extremely neat and tasteful. The style of architecture inclines toward the Gothic, without being decided in any direction. The front is ornamented with buttresses, which run up a short distance above the roof, ending in graceful turrets. The slope upon the ground is Italian. Entering from the street, the visitor finds himself in a large vestibule, opening before him into the lecture-room. On the right and left are the stairways, by which the main audit rium of the church is reached. This is a handsome room, the full size of the church, the depth of the vestibule excepted, and forty feet in height. Light is admitted through seventeen handsome windows of rich color and elegant design, from the establishment of the Misch Brothers. At the west end, next the street, is a gallery, which will in due time, be extended on three sides of the auditorium. The central window behind the gallery is a handsome specimen of the decorative art, the coloring being beautiful, and the allegorical designs tastefully executed. The windows at the sides are ornamented with symbolical figures, in succession as follows: A font, cross, table of the law, Bible, cross, crown, crown of thorns, hour-glass, anchor, bunch of grapes, sheaf of wheat, wine-cup, lamb, and the monogram I. H. S. neatly inclosed.

The first floor contains, besides the lecture-rooms, various class-rooms, study and library, and supper-room for use at festivals, and on the rear of the building. The lecture-room has the width of the church, and is nearly square. The height is 15 feet, the ceiling being supported by nine graceful iron columns. The ceiling and walls are tastefully frescoed, the work having been done by Mr. S. W. Swift. The reading-desk is at the east end, opposite the entrance. The side-walls are finished in panels, each panel being ornamented with a handsome painting, those on the north wall representing symbols of the old dispensation, those on the south wall, the new. At the right of the desk is a picture of Moses looking from the mount, after receiving the tables of the law, out over the Promised Land, which he was not permitted to see. At the left is a representation of the Annunciation of the Messiah to the Shepherd on the Plains of Judea. Over the first-named pictures are the words, "The law came by Moses," and over second, "But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." These pictures are the work of Mr. Wm. Gunning, and deserve considerable praise as genuine works of art. The remaining ornamentations are by Mr. Swift, and also show skill and taste. They include representations of "Moses smiting the rock," a "View of the Sea of Galilee," and "Jacob at Capernaum: 'Crossing the Jordan,' "Christ blessing little children," and a fountain. The pulpit room is richly furnished, and twelve windows, with diminished Gothic arches, set with handsome stained glass. The arrangements are perfect in this respect. The seating accommodations are also ample, as the room will for the present have to be used for congregational purposes.

The Society which is to occupy the new edifice is from very small beginnings. It commenced several years ago as a mission, and has steadily increased in strength until it has at present a regular congregation of about 400, and not far from 300 communicants. For the last two years the church has been self-supporting. Three years ago the expenses for the entire twelve months were about $1,200. This year $2,000 is paid, they have again reached the figures first named. The first pastor was Mr. Hooper Crews. The present incumbent has had charge for two years, is Mr. R. D. Shephard, a young gentleman of much promise, with whom the congregation are well pleased.

The dedicatory services took place yesterday afternoon in the lecture-room, a large congregation being in attendance, in spite of the deep snow-storm raging at the time. The singing was under the management of Mr. Charles Smith, and was creditable to all. Miss Walker was the organist, the vocal score being rendered by Misses Swift and Johnson and Messrs. Smith, Hinchcliff, Jones, Lot, and Woods. The services were introduced by the singing of one or two simple but beautiful selected pieces by the choir. The Rev. Dr. Newman, of the Thirty-first Street Presbyterian Church, followed with an appropriate prayer. The scripture selection was from the 13th Epistle of Paul to the Hebrews, commencing with the nineteenth verse--"Having the boldness," &c. The choir sang an anthem--"Blessed is the Lord." Rev. Dr. Goodell then preached a sermon was the 97th, from the selection in common use in the Methodist Church, beginning:

The prince Messiah by Adam's seed
Was the first temple built by God;
His flat and the corner-stone,
He appointed, and he the work was done.

The hymn was sung by the congregation standing.

The dedicatory sermon was by Dr. Fowler, of the Centenary Church. His text was John, 3d chapter, and 16th verse: "He that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life." The sermon commenced as follows: "I am this afternoon expected to speak the Word to assembled people by the power of God. It is in the condition of things that the objects of faith must be invisible, and especially to have the power of Word of God's Holy Spirit to enforce truth. To believe, in a certain sense, is to know. To be sure of heaven is to make the sure of our faith shall be so far faith as we apprehend it by faith, inviolable, and yet, in spite of this timely necessity, or condition of things, we are wont to make the invisibility of Christ, and of his Kingdom, a stone of offense. We read in the Word of God that the Kingdom of Heaven cometh not by observation," and yet we are offended because we cannot see--because it does not come by observation. If we could see at the end of any of these streets, as we open our parks, the veritable heavens to be entered by a physical march, or by the palpitating of our bodies, there would be no numbering the multitudes that would throng into them. I think I am safe in saying that if a small per cent of the statements of the Word concerning his spiritual and eternal Kingdom were true concerning a material, tangible, and physical kingdom, to be entered as intimate, these is not one in this house whose back to-day would be towards Mount Zion."

From this the speaker passed successively to the suggestions of his text, which he elaborated eloquently, and closed at last with appropriate words of congratulation to the Society and to the Church which the assembly had met to dedicate to the service of God. A voluntary by the choir followed the sermon. A statement of the condition of the Church was read, from which it appeared that the amount already expended on the new building was $14,000. Three or four thousand dollars would be needed to complete the main auditorium and the exterior. Seven thousand dollars of this aggregate amount had been raised at a recent meeting.

An appeal was then made to the congregation, and nearly the entire amount needed for the completion of the work was given or promised.

The nine Trustees were called forward, and the Church was formally dedicated in the manner prescribed by the "Discipline," and the assembly dispersed.

LADIES' CHRISTIAN UNION.

Regular Monthly Meeting--Reports Showing the Good Work Accomplished by the Organization--List of Donations Received--A Continuance of these Favors Solicited.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Christian Union was held in the parlor of the First Congregational Church on Thursday last, Mrs. Moses Smith presiding.

Reports from the different departments were read, showing in some of them marked success and improvement. Mrs. Chester Warner, of the Industrial School Committee, reported that the School, near the Harrison Street Barracks, has 100 scholars, representing 116 families of ill-managed affairs. The North Side school is crowded, and the South Side one has opened well. In these schools reading, sewing, singing, and habits of order are taught, besides much moral and religious instruction given.

Mrs. J. M. Wood, Chairman of the Visiting Committee, reported having distributed, during the past month, 400 different articles, among many visits carrying relief into many a suffering household, and comfort to sad and weary hearts. The sewing rooms are reaching a point where they have again reached the figures first named. The ladies are especially invited to send plenty of material to keep these needles running during the remainder of the winter. The rooms are on the corner of Adams and Sangamon streets, and the prices as low as they can possibly be made.

Mrs. George L. Scott, Corresponding Secretary, read several very interesting letters from different States, some speaking of boxes sent, and to be sent, to the Union, and all expressing a desire to co-operate with a society which is doing just the work.

Mrs. Depuon Graves, of the Employment Committee, reported 137 women and girls provided with places for the month of January.

The thanks of the Society were tendered to the gentlemen of the Relief and Aid Society; to the Young Men's Christian Association; to all private individuals who have assisted

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THE BANK STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The bank statement shows an increase in the total reserve of $1,214,500, and a decrease in the total liabilities of $237,200. The increase in the former is caused by the loss in deposits, considerable amount of which has been paid out to assist the upward speculation in stocks. The averages of the past two weeks compare as follows:

	Jan. 27.	Feb. 3.
LOANS	$280,821,000	$280,584,000
SPECIE	$ 1,078,700	$ 1,078,700
	$ 23,253,200	$ 23,253,200
CIRCULATION	$ 22,998,100	$ 22,998,100
	$ 28,286,900	$ 28,286,900
DEPOSITS	$ 76,200	$ 28,218,700
	$221,074,200	$220,966,700
LEGAL TENDER	$ 167,500	
	$ 46,258,300	
	$ 46,563,800	
MONEY	$237,400	

Heavy snow-storm prevented business to-day. The money market was extremely easy, ranging from 5 per cent on stock collaterals. Prime commercial paper passed at 7 to 8 per cent.

GOLD

opened at 109½, and was quiet and firm throughout the day, advancing and closing at 109¾. The rates for carrying were 6, 5, 4, 2, 3, and 2 per cent.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

were dull at the First Board, not a single sale having been recorded. The market continued dull at the Second Board. Central Pacific bonds closed at 85 bid, and Unions at 92¼ to 92¾ for firsts; 82 for land grants; 87½ to 87¾ for incomes, and 75 for stocks.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

was very dull but quiet at 109 to 109¼ for prime bankers' 60-day sterling, and 109¾ for sight.

THE STOCK MARKET

was dull and lower, with Pacific Mail as the special feature. Pacific Mail was the weakest of the active stocks, declining 2 per cent, and closing at the lowest figure of the day. Western Union, Northwestern, and Lake Shore were moderately active and closing at 109¾ for the first and the remainder of the list were dull and lower in the day interest declines set in. Pacific Mail declined about 1 per cent; other wise the market was steady.

BREADSTUFFS.

The demand, owing to the severe storm, was very light. Prices of lower grades were firm. The sales of all grades were very dull and unimportant. Choice and fancy brands were irregular prices. Little was done in the corn market and prices were firm. Corn was less active but steady at all, and the inquiry was chiefly confined to the export. The ice in the harbor interrupted business.

CUSTOM HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—At the Custom House investigation, this afternoon, William S. Hillyer testified that Lent's special agent was the brother-in-law of Rawlins. He knew nothing of any connection between Lent and Sixby, and was not the President Lent's brother-in-law. He stated that he did not want Lent's place for himself at all, and wanted no one to quarrel with him to have anything to do with the Custom House, but did not think it right to compel the Collector's action. The collected having been sent to and told Gen. Grant that General Porter had received a present from the New York Custom House, and thought it was his conversation with the Collector's business. Lent's services were entirely satisfactory.

I desire to say to you that it was a very improper thing that a man in the military service should be charged in civil employment under the Government. Asked, A. It does not occur to me. Q. Do you recollect the tenor of the charges made by Robert against Porter? Witness, answered: I believe the charge was that Porter was receiving money from the Custom Houses. I suppose it must have been true.

Loudly complained of the slowness of information called for from the Custom House.

Hillyer corrected some statements in the testimony, saying that General Grant knew that Mudgett made the charges against Porter, and that Porter was receiving money from the Custom Houses. Also that Mudgett made the charges in consequence of the scandal that was the transaction some of the honest officers of the Treasury.

CHARGES REDUCED.

Board of Fire Commissioners to-day, asked Controller Jacobus to facilitate the payment of the department for January and February. The Commissioners are preparing a bill for presentation to the Legislature for the removal of the charges and the appointments of some of the officers, when relief. Much dissatisfaction is caused among the men, whose pay has been withheld for two months.

CHARGES DENIED.

That ten or twelve members of the Grand Jury have been arrested, on the charge of certain parties, and that the latter, who are indicted, have fled to Canada, was denied to-day by parties who are trying to keep the matter from being indicted.

THE WHOLESALE STRIKE.

The Journeymen Hatters' Union, at a meeting to-day, resolved that the strike against Mayor Hall be continued, and resolved to temporarily abolish the Mayor Hall Committee.

SUMMARY.

Mayor Hall has dissolved the injunction against the Tammany Society.

The Citizens' Anti-Monopoly Association last night memorialized the Legislature for a reduction of the price of gas in cities.

STREET RAILWAY.

A petition is being prepared in favor of a surface railway on Broadway.

THE WHOLESALE STRIKE.

The New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company threaten a general strike of employés unless the proposed reduction by the Legislature in the Senate Bill, to go into effect on the 1st of July next, is withdrawn. The Company declares that the Democracy reduces the time of service and diminishes the wages in favor of economy. The Union Pacific Company reduces the time of service and diminishes in favor of economy.

THE TICKET TRIAL.

It is said that Stokes' trial will be put off until next week. In that case it will come before Judge Fancher.

THE SAVINGS BANKS.

The Savings Banks in the Market and the Bowling Green Districts, the time has been extended from 10 to 12 o'clock, and that banks shall be allowed positions of deposits, and that banks shall be allowed positions of deposits, and that banks shall be allowed positions of deposits

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THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

The tenor of nearly all the despatches from London, for the past two weeks, with reference to the pending claims action of Great Britain, growing out of the Alabama depredations, has been calculated, at the first glance, to impress the reader with the certainty of a speedy disruption of the Geneva Conference. The London *Times*, which may be said to reflect the opinions of the English Government more clearly and intelligently than any other public journal, has probably given us the exact dimensions and character of the cloud between the two countries. The point made by the *Times*, in which all the other English journals coincide, is, that England shall demur to the consideration of any claim for indirect and consequential damages; and, if the Court does not sustain the demurrer, she shall withdraw from the arbitration. This is the sum and substance of the English position, as we believe; but it does not follow that war, or even unfriendliness, is to result from this expression of opinion. We were not aware, and we think hardly anybody in this country was aware, until so informed by the English journals, that our Government had adopted Mr. Sumner's notions concerning consequential or inferential damages, viz.: that England is responsible, not only for the value of the property destroyed by the Anglo-rebel privateers, but, also, for all the loss and inconvenience resulting from the influence of those cruisers, as, for instance, high rates of marine insurance, the transfer of American vessels to foreign flags, the cost of pursuing the Alabama, the prolongation of the war, and what not. The London *Times* makes the point, that no such items were ever advanced in the correspondence between the two Governments, and that if they had been urged at the Washington Conference, they would have been scouted with indignation.

The probability is, that those managing the case for the United States have put in a claim for a great deal more than they expect to get. At all events, neither nation can afford to go to war upon such a maladroit proceeding. England is in honor bound to pay all just demands, and we do not believe that the Court will award any other than just damages. If she refuses to pay a just claim and retreats from the arbitration, the United States can satisfy its claim by seizing upon the nearest property of the defendant, and that would be tantamount to war. To make war, with the political and agrarian excitements in Ireland raging at fever-heat, and with the radical reformers of the Dilke school laying siege to the Throne itself, and only waiting for an emergency in which to put their sentiments to practical use, would be a dangerous policy. To retreat from an arbitration in which the briefs have already been made out, and the case virtually submitted for trial, would establish a dangerous precedent, as England is constantly involved in complications of this character, growing out of her commercial greed and loose notions of neutrality, for which little excuse can be framed, when the limited extent of her coasts and the admirable organization of her coast-guards are considered.

On the other hand, the United States cannot afford to allow this claim to be a cause of war, for the precedent would be as dangerous to us as to England. We have over 3,000 miles of seacoast, everywhere abounding with indentations, affording outlets for almost innumerable creeks and rivers, out of which privateers can readily slip. Once establish the validity of indirect and consequential damages, and it must inevitably tell against us in the future, if we make the precedent that England must pay us, not only for the actual direct damages inflicted upon our commercial marine by the depredations of the Alabama, but, also, the indirect damages, such as the general expense to which all vessels were subjected in avoiding her, the increased rates of insurance, the additional costs of protection under the flags of other nations, the general hindrance to business interests, the prolongation of the war, etc., it simply follows that we cannot refuse to submit ourselves to the same rule; the only difference being that, while England allowed three vessels to prey upon our commerce, we could practically place no limit to the number of privateers, or the bill of expense. We do not believe that the people of the United States expect any such ideal damages, or desire to establish any such dangerous precedent, whatever the lawyers may have submitted in their "case." If they have made any such absurd claim, we devoutly hope the Geneva Court will throw it out, and award only such damages as can be proved by adding up the value of the vessels and cargoes destroyed. These, we believe, the English Government will not hesitate to pay at once and in full. Whatever may be the views of those who go down to the sea in ships, and do business in great waters, we who dwell in the interior do not want to be taxed, for future privateer depredations, one cent more than the actual damages. If England and Germany, or England and Russia, go to war, we do not want to establish a precedent for a claim against us for the remotest consequential damages that transcendentalism can suggest, growing out of the operations of an American Laird and a British Semmes.

ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

The action of the majority of the United States Senate, in passing, in the month of January, a resolution fixing a day for the adjournment of Congress, without having passed a single appropriation bill, or any other measure of importance, is without precedent in the history of the Government. The object of the resolution has not been disclosed, but it can hardly be disguised. The President, in his annual message, and in subsequent communications to Congress, has intimated that, while he was disposed to leave the institution of general legislation to Congress, there were certain measures which he felt it to be his duty under the Constitution to recommend, and for which he was constrained to ask specific legislation. The first of these was a reduction of taxes. The public revenue last year was more than $100,000,000 in excess of the Government needs. The experience of the past has shown that each time the rates of taxes are reduced, and the number of untaxed articles increased, the revenues of the Government are largely augmented by the increased consumption and the activity given to trade. The annual revenue from pig-iron, with a duty of $7 per ton, will exceed that collected when the rate was $9, and a reduction to $5 will probably be followed by even a greater amount of revenue. The President, however, strongly represented that the taxes were unnecessarily high, and that for legislation reducing them. The majority in the Senate do not intend to give any heed to this request, and propose to defeat it in one way or the other.

The President also recommended, for many urgent reasons, the passage of an act of general amnesty; to this the majority of the Senate are apparently opposed, and do not intend to pass any such act. But the favorite and especial measure urged upon Congress by the President is the reform of the Civil Service. So earnest is the President in this matter, that he has, by his own order, directed that the regulations for appointments to the Civil Service of certain grades shall have the force of law; and he has requested of Congress certain legislation to make these regulations permanent. This favorite measure of the President has not been received kindly by his personal adherents in the Senate. It has provoked the bitterest denunciations, and Senators, claiming to be the special champions of the Executive, have employed sarcasm and invective to bring it into contempt, and defeat it.

The masses of the Republican party are demanding that these three measures shall be adopted, and they want them adopted before Congress adjourns, and before the Presidential election. The majority of the Senate do not seem to care any more for the demands of the people than they do for the President's recommendations. When Andrew Johnson was President, this assumption of power to coerce the President, to treat his messages and his policy with contempt and ridicule, was the rule, and was justified on the ground that Johnson had apostatized. But the adoption of the same policy toward President Grant has no such apology. It is rank usurpation, and a studied, deliberate degradation of the President.

The resolution for the early adjournment of Congress is a device to postpone, and, of course, defeat, any legislation on these three subjects. For this end, Senator Morton, immediately after New Year's, proposed the resolution that Congress adjourn in May. Having passed that resolution, the next step will be to hold a caucus, and frame another resolution reciting that the time of the session is so short that it will not be practicable to consider any other business than the regular appropriation bills, and, perhaps, some scheme of subsidy for some new steamship building company. And thus the Senate, perhaps, by the 1st of March, will have caused it self into the attitude of declaring that neither of the measures proposed by the President can be considered or acted upon at this session. The same discreditable plan of defeating necessary legislation was resorted to in the Senate at the last session, and the country beheld the extraordinary spectacle of the Vice President compelled, day after day, under a rule of the Senate, to declare that it was disorderly to move that the Senate take up for action a bill from the House of Representatives repealing an obnoxious, unnecessary, and oppressive tax.

OPPOSITION TO THE TEMPERANCE LAW.

The foreign element, or a portion of it, at Chicago, having attempted to thwart one measure for the general good, the same element at Peoria and other interior towns has now commenced an attempt to thwart another. At the present rate of antagonism to measures instituted for the protection of the community as a whole, it will soon be considered doubtful whether foreign-born citizens want any laws passed which do not immediately minister to their special interests. The law which has incited the turbulent element of Peoria to opposition is the Temperance law. This State ordinance, like one of the city ordinance, was devised for the good of the whole people, and for the protection of a class who have never been able to protect themselves, viz., women and children. It does not prohibit liquor-selling or liquor-drinking but throws the cloak of the law around those who are exposed to the injuries of liquor-drinking and selling, and are helpless to avert them. It is a law above all sects or parties, and only seeks to accomplish the highest mission of all laws,—the protection of the weak. The opposition to its enforcement will be reinforced undoubtedly by the lowest and most depraved elements of every community against whom it principally operates. That there is need of just such a law, no right-minded person will question for an instant. It passed both houses of the Legislature by an overwhelming vote, irrespective of parties, and was promptly signed by the Governor. Nearly six months must elapse before it can be enforced, and during this time, it may be inferred from these initial proceedings that the foreign-born citizens will bring all possible pressure to bear against it. Their movements should be met firmly and persistently by the friends of the bill, and from every village, town, and city in the State, should go forth such a demand for its thorough enforcement as shall convince the foreign element, or any other element opposed to it, that their opposition is futile,—that it is a law of the State, and that it must be enforced. It is time that such "elements" were taught the American ideas of law, and the American ideas of obedience to law.

Saturday's investigation of the frauds in the New York Custom House developed some peculiar ideas as to the duty of the Congressional Committee. It has been the general impression that the Committee was appointed in order to collect *all* the testimony on the subject, without fear or favor, and report from a careful comparison of the differing statements. This general impression is not, however, shared in by Senator Pratt. According to *him*, anything which might tend to implicate any one outside of the immediate "Ring" should be promptly rejected. The Associated Press report of Feb. 3 states that General W. S. Hillyer testified that, three weeks ago, General Grant said that he (Grant) knew nothing of Leet's connection with the General Order business until last February. Thereupon Senator Casserly caused an extract from the stenographer's report of Colonel Leet's sworn statement to be read. From this it appeared that Leet admitted having talked to the President about getting the General Order business before he came to New York (in March, 1869). This striking difference between Hillyer's and Leet's statements does not, of course, in itself implicate the President in any way. It may very well be that he talked with his former Aide-de-Camp about the General Order business, and yet knew nothing of his subsequent connection with it until a year ago. Every fair-minded man would not only hope, but believe, that our Chief Magistrate is guiltless in this whole affair. Senator Pratt, however, not content with letting well enough alone, thought best to attract general attention to the discrepancy, by moving to omit from the record the extract from Leet's testimony! If he had been the professed enemy of the Administration, he could not have devised a plan better calculated to arouse public distrust. It is only guilt that fears publicity, and the motion of the Senator from Indiana has an ugly showing, as if he thought the admission of this testimony might lead to damaging revelations about somebody. Fortunately for the President, and for everyone else in any way connected with the affair, the preposterous motion was promptly lost,—only Senator Pratt voting in its favor. The testimony will, therefore, be submitted to Congress, and afterwards to the people, ungarbled; and the country, with a full knowledge of the facts, can come to a just decision.

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The public have followed with interest the discoveries in the Arctic Ocean by Norwegian sailers in the last few years. Captain Elling Carlsen, who is renowned as one of the shiest and most daring of these men, has lately added very much to our knowledge of these distant regions. By his expedition of 1871 Nova Zembla was, probably for the first time, circumnavigated by a sailer; he also discovered the place, and the very house, which the Dutch Captain, Wilhem Barents, and his crew, occupied in the winter of 1596-97.

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"Bundling" was an American institution of great repute. Its precise nature can now scarcely be explained to earn polite; but, in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, it was of practically universal acceptation in the country towns of New York and New England. A Tory clergyman, driven from Connecticut to England by the outbreak of the Revolution, published in London an elaborate account and defense of the custom strongly urging its adoption in Great Britain. The suggestion does not, however, seem to have been well received; and, soon after, the practice became obsolete in America. It has since been embalmed in Irving's History of New York, and so will probably be permanently remembered. It has been reserved for Baltimore to revive some of the features of the ancient amusement. According to the Washington *Capital*, the best society of the Maryland metropolis has been indulging in a "sheet and pillow-case party." These two rather slight articles seem to have formed the main part of the attire of both sexes; and the proceedings of this assemblage of the "best society" bear a striking resemblance to ye ancient habit of "bundling." Fortunately, the participants did not go quite so far as their ancestors; but even this may be but a question of time, unless the prevalent taste for the "delightfully improper" be checked.

Beliefs die hard. An honest prejudice will live and influence action for scores of years after its reasons have been proved to be false, and its results proved to be folly. The Divine right of Kings is occasionally dilated upon in speeches from the stump, but from cool and careful minds it vanished long ago. Nevertheless, the Rev. Charles Kingsley, in a sermon preached, appropriately enough, in the Royal Chapter, professed his belief in the old dogma, and said: "Royalty is God's ordinance. A King men must have, not merely for the sake of the nation's security, but for the sake of their own self-respect." The Rev. Mr. Kingsley's imagination must have become heated during his late winter's sojourn in the Tropics. The self-respect which depends upon the sooty skin of the Prince of Wales to the Throne would do well to strengthen its foundations.

Galway is keeping up its old reputation for brawls and fights. Home-Rule for Ireland has found some of its warmest advocates there, and they have just afforded a curious instance of their capacity for it. In an election for Parliament, the show of hands which always precedes the formal vote was declared to be in favor of Nolan, the Home-Rule candidate. Thereupon his supporters celebrated their useless victory by attacking the opposite party, and completely routing them. The inevitable police appeared, and the lovers of Home Rule were put to flight.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

William Patterson, of Jacksonville, has been sent to the Insane Hospital.

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—An application has been made for a *mandamus* to compel the Galesburg Board of Education to abolish all distinctions of color in the public schools of that city.

—The Illinois Central Railroad is about to remove the round house and machine shops, from Wapella to Clinton, and erect a fine hotel in connection with the depot in that place.

—Frank Coulter, of Jacksonville, ten months ago bought a Poland sow for $8, and raised two litters of pigs, eleven in number, nine of which netted him $184.50.

—The wife of D. J. Jackson, of Jerseyville, a short time since, astonished her acquaintances by giving birth to two girls and a boy. The event caused a sensation in the quiet town, and the mother and triplets were interviewed by some 300 people inside of two days. Some of the citizens circulated a petition requesting the Governor to lay the matter before the Legislature, asking for an appropriation for the triplets.

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IOWA.

The Knights Templar of Keokuk are to have a grand banquet on Thursday next.

—C. Spicer, of Independence, died a few days ago, leaving several children without support; whereupon a subscription of $610 was speedily raised for the orphans.

WISCONSIN.

In the Milwaukee Relief District, 1,800 persons and 538 horses are being supplied with food. In the Fox River District, the beneficiaries number 5,678 persons and 1,666 animals.

—The village of Rosendale has presented the Hon. Jeremiah Lobbs, of Ripon, with a gold-headed cane, in gratitude for his services in fixing the route of the Sheboygan & Fond du Lac Railroad.

—By the failure of Hoyt & Co. owners and landlords of a new hotel recently completed at Chippewa Falls. Milwaukee merchants lose fully $25,000; Chicago merchants nearly $28,000; and two or three La Crosse merchants considerable sums.

INDIANA.

New Albany is threatened with a coal-famine.

—The Indianapolis High School estate is about to revert to its original owner, Mrs. S. L. Warner, of Huntington, who refuses to sanction its sale for $200 by her agent.

MICHIGAN.

The Russell House, at Detroit, is to be rebuilt in sections.

—The receipts at the State Treasury for January were $176,715.76; the disbursements, $164,152.13; balance in the treasury, $992.82.

—East Saginaw thieves appropriate to themselves the photographs of ladies; and artists have to be careful how they leave them in frames at their doors.

PERSONAL.

Some Des Moines women are preparing for a knitting-raid on the saloons where their husbands obtain liquor.

—General Henry W. Slocum recently lectured in Brooklyn on his personal reminiscences of camp, march, and battle, for the benefit of the Adelphi Library.

—A St. Louis reporter tells us that Alexis does not rise from his chair like ordinary mortals—he "untelescopes his immense form."

—William H. Riley, of Omaha, preached that city on Tuesday, from the Big Divide, 20 miles distant, having made the top in his stocking-feet over the snow. He says that he is the only survivor of a party of seven who went out to the Republican River in the fall. He left two companions by the wayside on his terrible march.

—Alderman Herzberger, of Rochester, N. Y., furnishes meat to that city, on contract, for distribution to the poor, and is sometimes twitted therewith. Getting out of temper recently, he created a sensation by asking if there were not an Alderman present whose parents were sustained by city beef.

—Specimens of legislative jokes is being garnered. John C. Malone, of the Ohio House, astonished his fellow-members by buying his own stationery. A Massachusetts Representative remarked of his colleague: "I'd rather have his luck than a license to steal."

—The annual Dorsey dinner of roast-meats took place at the Connecticut State Prison, on Wednesday last. It was purchased with the interest on the permanent fund given to the State by H. C. Dorsey, of Pawtucket, R. I.

—There is a great deal said of the young and energetic President of Cambridge, Charles W. Eliot. He is tall and dignified in his bearing—a little cold, perhaps. He comes of aristocratic Massachusetts stock, and is a graduate of the University of which he is now President, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

—At Lonisville, on Thursday, in the City Court a negro lawyer appeared for a colored client, and examined a witness of the same hue—an event hitherto unknown in the annals of Kentucky jurisprudence.

—In Dade County, Ga., recently, Mr. John D. Ashers was married to Miss Kate Ashers. The propper thing for the paragraphers to say in this connection is Ashers to Ashers.

—George F. Fuller, manager of the Louisville Opera House, has received from the Grand Duke Alexis a large topaz ring, encircled by twelve diamonds. On the inside is engraved the name of the Royal giver.

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—Tom Maguire, the New York *Herald* correspondent who accompanied Alexis, played quite a part of the Grand Duke with limitless faro-bank, on the rear platform of the Ducal car, at several of the smaller towns in Colorado, where Alexis didn't exhibit.

—Still another instance of insanity by a person of social position has just occurred in Herefordshire, Eng. The assassin is one Thomas P. Carlyle, a graduate of Oxford and son of a clergyman, and the victim his aunt's coachman, a man named Thomas Price. The act was performed with a double-barrelled breech-loader, and the presumption was that Price tried to prevent Carlyle from committing suicide.

—The trial of Mrs. Lydia Sherman, the Connecticut "Bergia," who is charged with poisoning a round dozen of husbands and children, will commence at New Haven on the 6th of February.

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"Bundling" was an American institution of great repute. Its precise nature can now scarcely be explained to earn polite; but, in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, it was of practically universal acceptation in the country towns of New York and New England. A Tory clergyman, driven from Connecticut to England by the outbreak of the Revolution, published in London an elaborate account and defense of the custom strongly urging its adoption in Great Britain. The suggestion does not, however, seem to have been well received; and, soon after, the practice became obsolete in America. It has since been embalmed in Irving's History of New York, and so will probably be permanently remembered. It has been reserved for Baltimore to revive some of the features of the ancient amusement. According to the Washington *Capital*, the best society of the Maryland metropolis has been indulging in a "sheet and pillow-case party." These two rather slight articles seem to have formed the main part of the attire of both sexes; and the proceedings of this assemblage of the "best society" bear a striking resemblance to ye ancient habit of "bundling." Fortunately, the participants did not go quite so far as their ancestors; but even this may be but a question of time, unless the prevalent taste for the "delightfully improper" be checked.

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From Our Special Correspondent.

PARIS, France, Jan. 1.

NEW YEAR'S.

Political and business affairs have had something of a holiday this week, owing to a desire to let the New Year be installed in peace, to make compliments, give presents, etc. Weakened, as France is, she clings to her old habits more than any other country in the world; and New Year's Day is one of her most deep-seated habits.

The new Republic, even, has not dared to free itself from receptions and visits. Mr. Thiers set the example by going to make a call on the President of the Assembly on New Year's morning, and then by receiving, in his turn, the President, the Ministers, and all the Government officers. Everything went off about as under the Emperor. The only innovation was that there were no official speeches. There were New Year congratulations, with much talking, hand-shaking, and friendly conversation.

THE BISHOP OF ORLEANS.

On the other hand, the old Mazarin Palace, where the Academy is quartered, has seen what it never saw before,—an Academician tendering his resignation. But the story is worth being told, for it is a picture of customs which must be interesting to strangers, and which I therefore give in detail. The Academy, at its Saturday meeting, in spite of the anticipatory wailings of one of its members, Mr. Dupanloup, the Bishop of Orleans, elected Mr. Littre, one of our best scientists. This election offended the Bishop, who at once sent in his resignation. His intolerant Lordship does not want to sit with a Materialist and Atheist.

Thereupon, the Academy had a meeting, and decided to go on with its regular business; that is to say, not to take any notice of Mr. Dupanloup. Do the members think they can no more be divested of their Academic character than a Catholic priest can be unfrocked? Or do they wish to give Mr. Dupanloup time to reconsider his hastily-taken determination? Not even the Academy does, and, if it does, it does not say so.

As for Mr. Dupanloup, he is complimented by the Pope and laughed at by the papers, which sensibly ask him why, since he is so intolerant, he sat for ten years with Messrs. Sainte-Beuve and Merimee, both of them as great unbelievers as Mr. Littre; to which he replies by general accusations, and seems to be determined to insist on his resignation. This produces a good effect with the Catholic camp, and gives him glory; and no one loves it more than the Bishop. Add to this much ill-will that he was not selected Archbishop of Paris, and, consequently, had nothing against Mr. Thiers, and clerical vengeance against Mr. Littre, the candidate of Messrs. Thiers and Guizot, —the one the Government and the other a Protestant,—has been a great desire to get into the good graces of the Pope, which he lost because he fought against Infallibility, in order to get a Cardinal's hat which tempts, greatly. Those are the true causes of this little anti-academic scandal. The good souls deceive themselves. Ultramontane-Clericals talk of intolerance; and the Voltairians say what I have told you of rancor and sacerdotal ambition. This is the only thing talked of in Paris. It is the fashionable event, and parlors and papers have been laughing over it for eight days.

SOME NEW PLAYS.

It is wonderful how quickly Paris is resuming its habits, its pleasures, and its charms. There is as much life in the streets as there was during the Empire. They are filled with foot-passengers, wagons, and carriages, as to be blocked during business hours. Trade, especially in exports, is more important than ever, and all concerned have kept busy. Theatres and balls are crowded, and play follows play as in the most prosperous days. Four, in particular, are very attractive, so much so that I name them as the authors than their real merit. Two are by Alexander Dumas *fils*, and, like all the productions of this author, are studies of amorous customs, manners, and morals, and are written in accordance with a predetermined system, where there is much talent in style, and close observation, but nothing sound and healthy in the thinking, in a word, of that which makes Shakspeare and Victor Hugos. Then, too, it is always the same subject—a husband who deceives his wife, or a wife who deceives her husband, or a wife who has sinned for a man who is not worthy of her; as in "Visite de Noces." These are the names of these two plays.

Another of the four is by an author not much known as yet,—a Mr. Gandiveri,—and is called "Christiane." It is the very dramatic story of a father who cannot acknowledge his illegitimate daughter because she has a legitimate father. There are fine scenes, noble sentiments, happy expressions; but it is not a *chef d'œuvre*.

The last one is a drama by one of our modern poets, Mr. Bouilhet, who died two years ago. It causes no sensation, except on account of its author, and especially as the subject, which is one of the most dramatic that history has recorded. A Circassian girl, called Aissa, was bought, when a child, by a French Ambassador at Constantinople, Mr. Le Vicomte. He sent her to Europe to his sister, who reared her in Christianity and virtue. Her master, on his return to France, fell in love with Aissa, who had become beautiful and attractive in the highest degree; but she resisted him, and the adventure made a noise. The Regent—for this occurred under his dissolute reign; that is, in the last years of the seventeenth century—heard of the story, immediately sent for the heroine, and he, too, became enamored of her. She resisted him, as she had her master. He gave infinite festivals in her honor, but all was in vain. Meanwhile, the daughter of Louis XIV. in society a handsome Chevalier of Malta, D'Aidie, and her heart went out to him and his to her. For a long time, the Circassian kept her virtue, and the Chevalier his vows, though they wrote to one another the most touching letters, composed of tenderness and virtue. Finally their love reached such a height that she was compelled to pay a visit to England. But, on her return, her virtue got the upper hand; the Chevalier went back to Malta; and she died from sorrow for her faith.

This story, which made a great sensation in its day, has been told, or, rather, made celebrated, by Voltaire, who gave it the charm of his narrative; and, after him, by Saint-Lambert. Then, more and more true to reality, perhaps, the two lovers became two heroes of poetry, love, and virtue. This adventure has been the theme of three or four plays, vaudevilles, and finally Mr. Bouilhet, or, rather, his heirs, have put it on the stage again.

AN OPERA OYSTER.

As for ballets, the spectacles, which at first did not flourish, now see again their best days, or, rather, nights. The last one, day before yesterday, was crowded with dominos and rich costumes as in the golden times of the imperial regime. The crowd was such that it was almost impossible to move about in the dancing hall or elsewhere. For strangers, this is the most curious sight that could be dreamed of. While, in the green room and the corridors, a crowd in black dresses, and dominos of the same color, moved back and forth, indulging in intrigues, laughter, compliments, and jests of all kinds. In the grand room there was a mass of people, wearing costumes variegated, diverse, odd, grotesque, and fantastic, whirling in dance as fantastic as the costumes. There is no costume that does not figure there, from the Sauvegarde clothed in impossible furs, to the tattooed Indian of South America; from the Magician, in pointed hat and brocade robe, to the Ragpicker, with his basket and hook.

To give an idea of the eccentric nature of these costumes, one of those most in vogue is balls there was seen, moving around, an enormous oyster, with two gaiters at the bottom, and a domino, covered with sea-weed, at the top. Behind this oyster moved an enormous *gendarme*, booted, and with an immense three-cornered hat, who was trying to open the oyster with his sabre. Occasionally he succeeded, and then could be seen, in the midst of flesh-colored webbing, and with nothing else on but a pearl collar, and who hurriedly shut her shell with a scared look. This oyster made a great hit, and, she, she entertained with too much champagne, so that, on leaving the opera, she found it necessary to come out of her shell, and began a wild dance, with the police finding it terrifying. Finally this pearl-oyster went to sleep at the police station.

Last night, they carried off a splendid Pierrot, but they took him to the Morgue. It seems that he drank and danced excessively, and then went to rest in one of the upper boxes. In the morning when they came to tell him to leave, he did not reply. He was dead, and, as there was nothing on him to identify him, they carried him off in his carnival attire, and laid him on the slabs where the unknown dead repose.

THE LAST OPERA.

Much is said of an opera which has been produced at Cairo, in the most extravagant way, by the Pacha of Egypt. He spent on it 800,000 francs. The work is by Verdi, and is called "Aida." They say that it is very fine, and one of the composer's best productions. Owing to what has been said of the money it has cost, and the stir it has made, something is said of giving it here; but the opera, like most of our theatres, is heavily involved on account of the two bad years it has had. It is not very likely that this opera will amuse us this year.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Distinguished foreign visitors still flow to Paris. The Emperor of Brazil is lengthening his stay to the end of the month, and is very resting himself for three days, wearied, as he is, by so many botherations. There are so many people who come to see him, from Hiouen Thsang, in order to congratulate him, or, in other words, to ask him for crosses, which he has the reputation of giving away in profusion; and he is so sick of giving quinine-shops that he has gone into the country. We expect this week the King of Cambodia and the Mahapolik of Bokhara, one of the richest private individuals in the world.

SALE OF THE IMPERIAL GOODS.

The pleasures of the New Year have interrupted, temporarily, the sales connected with the liquidation of the Imperial Civil List; but they will be resumed, and soon absolute, for almost everything is sold. The following figures show better than volumes how munificently everything was done in the household of this unhappy Emperor: The carriages and harness brought 294,000 francs; the wines and liquors, 230,000; the porcelain and glass, 210,000; and bed and table linen, 100,000. Notwithstanding all that has been burnt, lost, and carried away, and the natural depreciation of old and worn articles, property has been sold to the value of 1,130,070 francs. All was on a grand scale. There were nearly 300 horses, and 21,000 francs were got from the sale of carriage robes. And all this to and at Sedan!

EMILE CARREY.

"AIDA."

Verdi in the East—The Grand Opera Written in Honor of the Khedive of Egypt.

Cairo (Dec. 25) Correspondence of the New York Herald.

"Aida," Verdi's last and most ambitious opera, was represented at the Grand Opera House of Cairo last night, in the presence of the Viceroy and a most distinguished audience. Besides the first night of its presentation to the public, and from the fact that it was written in honor of the Viceroy by the most eminent of living composers, its production was anxiously awaited by all the gathered musical talent resident and travelling in Egypt. Two weeks ago all the seats had been taken, and steamers from the various Mediterranean ports had brought artists and amateurs anxious to see the operatic sensation of the day. Boxes commanded as high as $100; orchestra seats, $25, and standing room was charged $5 for each square inch. It sums ranging from $5 to $10. For two weeks the tutorole of the town had been "Aida." Last night the excitement culminated in a brilliant success, creditable to the composer, the artists, and the Viceroy. Two years ago Verdi began to work upon this masterpiece, and he has been toiling ever since. Mariette, while in operation of savans aponted by the Viceroy to it, was also employed to produce a worthy successor to "Pervatore," and, particularly, an opera that might illuminate the history of Egypt even to the confines of Nubia. His selected task was national, but his audience international. His patron was rich, influential and anxious; yet Verdi himself was not poor, either in money or reputation. To fill an order for an opera, as your tailor fills one for your coat, and yet to do it in the most effective and artistic manner, was Verdi's obligation.

But operas are not like promises to pay, and inspiration cannot be bought even from Verdi's ample stock. The consequence has been that "Aida," a series of grand choruses, gloomy Oriental masses and passionate Italian airs, glowing with the composer's *triste* sentimentalism, will be seen, heard, and enthusiastically applauded, until the auditor, inspired by the music, will criticise the solos and duets with the other and grander works of the author. As an opera faithful to its historical import, as one which beyond all question is the most conscientious work of the author, as a spectacle with splendid and truthful scenery, rich and princely costumes and heavy, massive music, it will live forever. But it develops on the mind new grain of sympathetic thought, judged in mere point of melody of grandeur of expression; it is only history written on the scale, tradition glowing on the canvas. For this, which light it is utilitarian and instructive, and is the first example where the poetic license has not been freely indulged by the composer, it greatly makes a spectacle and song of wild tradition. But to Verdi does not belong all the credit or the success.

It is due to Mariette Bey, the most eminent archæologist of our time, who went to Paris by special order of the Viceroy to oversee the preparation of the costumes. To the minutest degree they reproduce the acknowledged dress of the period, while all the stage scenery has been prepared with like fidelity. The entire cost of the opera has been more than 75,000 francs. Last night the opera began with the drop curtain, though it is very far from being customarily up—that is to say, the process was a work of art, representing on Egypt to the right, with decayed temples, pyramids, obelisks, and mummies, and on the left, with green fields, railroads, telegraphs, and modern agriculture. This alone expresses the purpose of "Aida." The first scene is disclosed when the festoons of purple, precede, are hidden in the palace of the King at Memphis, with the pavilion of the King formed with a double line of columns in wood. In the background is perceived the gray, uniform plain of Egypt and the pyramids in the far distance. There begins the tragic story of Aida, a lovely Ethiopian princess. Aida is a slave, captured in the course of Egyptian conquest, and belongs to the household of the Queen. Her father, Amonasro, still King of the discontented province, determines to make war on the Egyptian monarch, and to deliver his daughter and the other captives. So an expedition is formed, something of less strength than that which England sent against Abyssinia, and the frontiers of this ancient land are menaced by war. In the meantime Aida is loved by one Rhadames, Captain of the Guards, and she requites his love with tender sentiments. She plays an important part. She also is loving this Captain of the Guards, and her love is of some consequence, inasmuch as she is daughter of the King. Rhadames, as Captain is ordered to the frontier, captures the ebony chieftain and his savages, and hurries back to the sweet caresses of his Aida. Then follow the liberation of the captives at the suit of the Captain; and then, too, passionate strains of anger, rage, hate, and jealousy between Aida and Amonasro, the conquering King. Finally the Captain is induced to attempt going with her to her own nation, and this coming to the royal ears he is cast into prison. Her father is adjudged to die. Rhadames is immured in a gloomy dungeon, and the *finale* is that Aida and Rhadames, meeting in their dreary cell, die in delightful agony together.

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A RAILROAD HOLOCAUST.

Horrible Accident on the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

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From the New York Herald, Feb. 5.

At 7:45 yesterday morning a train known as the Buffalo express, left Pittston, Pa., the destination of most of the passengers being Philadelphia. The train was composed of an engine, a baggage van, smoking car, a Central Railroad car, and a Philadelphia car. Nothing unusual occurred during

THE EARLY PART OF THE JOURNEY.

The morning was exceedingly bright and clear, and the country had a splendid appearance, the land along the route for the most part being clothed in a winter mantle of sparkling, crisply frozen snow. Just previous to the start from Pittston, the driver of the engine remarked that they would have to keep an eye out for the crooked rails arising from the contractions caused by the severe frosts of the past week. The road over which the train was to go is known as

THE LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD,

and connects with most of the Pennsylvania roads—indirectly with Harrisburg. After making several stoppages the train was due at Rockport at about fifteen minutes to 10 o'clock, but, as matters subsequently proved, many of the unfortunate beings on board destined never to reach that place alive. When about midway between Mud Run and Rockport, and sixty-four miles from Easton, at four minutes past 9 o'clock,

THE ENGINE MADE A SUDDEN LEAP,

the forewheels flew round, causing a horrible whirl, and the driver and fireman were so severely shaken that they could scarcely hold on to enable them to stop the locomotive. The levers were reversed and the steam shut off as speedily as possible, and the terror-stricken men were at once convinced that a fearful accident had occurred, that the terrific leap of their great foaming iron horse had saved them from the horrible fate allotted to many behind them by it. Leaning over the side of the engine

A FEARFUL CHASM FORTY FEET DEEP

met the driver's eye, the only support between the road and Lehigh River being a hard rim embankment, almost perpendicular in construction. The steep declivity and the running waters were nothing to him, however, as he knew that he was comparatively safe from any scores of times, and would scarcely have engendered a thrill of terror in his breast this time but for the fact that he saw the fate of the train which was on the track, and in an instant plunge as it were headlong

DOWN THE FLINTY WALL TOWARD THE RIVER

below. He saw the central car, which contained most of the passengers, with the end of the broken coupling swinging in front of it, like a runaway horse with the end of a bridle about its neck. He saw the earth fly in a thousand directions beneath its ponderous weight, a low, rumbling sound caught his ear, and the carriage, with its live freight, went tumbling and crashing down the mountain. A moment's reality is called. The next instant he heard the

MOST APPALING SHRIEKS FROM THE INSIDE

of the car, and heads and arms were thrust out at the windows, and every one seemed to be sending forth accents of anguish and dismay. Women and men and seats, cushions and debris were soon a horrible heap; but, added to the horrors of the situation, before any assistance could be rendered, smoke and flame were seen emerging from one part of the smashed-up vehicle, and it was feared that those who were not killed or injured by the fall and the crushing of the timbers, would be burned to death, as the

STOVE HAD SET FIRE TO THE CAR.

The fire extinguished the roof of the central car, but it did not fall so far over as to rest on the frozen river, the passengers, however, being fearfully bruised and wounded, and expecting, as each one related, momentarily being consumed by the fire, which had taken hold of the car from the stove, the flames issuing forth as in the other car, and creating a fearful scene of confusion, those who were not injured, for the moment.

The first thing to be done was to rush to the assistance of those in the central car. The engineer, fireman, express messenger and three from the smoking-car clambered down the embankment, and, amid the screams of the women,

THE GROANS OF THE DYING,

and yells of those who were lying beneath the debris in great agony, barely out of the jaws of death—these men set to work, and, in about fifteen minutes, were able to sum up the extent of the unfortunate affair.

THE DEAD BEING TAKEN OUT.

The first body drawn out from the fore part of the car was a colored gentleman, whose features, it was found, were lying face and forehead being crushed up, and who was dressed in a black coat and striped pants. Though warm he was quite dead. Underneath a lady was found with her head plain of Egypt and the pyramids in the far distance. There begins the tragic story of Aida, a lovely Ethiopian princess. Aida is a slave, captured in the course of Egyptian conquest, and belongs to the household of the Queen. Her father, Amonasro, still King of the discontented province, determines to make war on the Egyptian monarch, and to deliver his daughter and the other captives. So an expedition is formed, something of less strength than that which England sent against Abyssinia, and the frontiers of this ancient land are menaced by war. In the meantime Aida is loved by one Rhadames, Captain of the Guards, and she requites his love with tender sentiments. She plays an important part. She also is loving this Captain of the Guards, and her love is of some consequence, inasmuch as she is daughter of the King. Rhadames, as Captain is ordered to the frontier, captures the ebony chieftain and his savages, and hurries back to the sweet caresses of his Aida. Then follow the liberation of the captives at the suit of the Captain; and then, too, passionate strains of anger, rage, hate, and jealousy between Aida and Amonasro, the conquering King. Finally the Captain is induced to attempt going with her to her own nation, and this coming to the royal ears he is cast into prison. Her father is adjudged to die. Rhadames is immured in a gloomy dungeon, and the *finale* is that Aida and Rhadames, meeting in their dreary cell, die in delightful agony together.

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THE JAPANESE EMBASSY.

Their Arrival at San Francisco Appearance of the Party.

From the San Francisco Bulletin, Jan. 31.

A salvo of artillery from Alcatraz announced the arrival of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamship America at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. There was hustling among the attaches of the steamerics and among Government officials, citizens generally, and hackmen. True to her name, the good ship had reached her haven ahead of time and taken on everything aboard in fine style. The arrival was auspicious, in that the Japanese Embassy obtained their first view of America on a pleasant morning, when the air was clear and bracing, and, by some conjunction of propitious planets, the vessel reached her moorings during the busiest of business hours, necessitating the abandonment of all hopes of formal, high-toned reception—if anything of the kind was intended. The vessel displayed in conspicuous positions, the colors of America, Japan, and the Pacific Company. While the steamer was backing into her berth, the Embassy and Mr. De Long appeared upon the promenade deck near the stern of the vessel, thus affording the crowd upon the wharf a chance to gratify their curiosity. The prominent features of the group were Iwakura, Minister of State, and Mr. De Long, the former being the only member of the Embassy dressed in the Japanese costume, and the latter wearing a heavy fur-trimmed overcoat and Astrakan cap. Numerous friends of Mr. De Long saluted him from the wharf, to be answered with a hearty good will and in a style that showed his remembrance of old-time acquaintances.

When the gang-way plank was adjusted, Collector Phelps, Surveyor Hyde, Clerk Clayton, Special Treasury Agent Cohen, Mr. Sargent, General Williams (who will shortly leave for Japan on government business), Dr. Williams, Japanese consul Homes, Swan, Dunn, Sargent and others boarded the steamer, and individually and collectively welcomed Mr. De Long and the Embassy. It was really a modest reception, a marvel of sincerity without ostentation. The scene on the promenade deck was novel, interesting, and instructive. The Minister of State, Iwakura, a tall man for a Japanese, wore a national costume of rich figured silk, of a deep blue color, with swords barely in sight. The costume is of a similar style to that worn by other Japanese who have been here, though of much finer texture. The most striking feature of his attire is his head-dress, evidently composed of wood, painted black, glazed and ornamented with beads. It is shaped like a large, flat, empty portmanteau, and being set on the top of his head, gives him a martial appearance. This headgear may be likened unto an abbreviated helmet. It forms a striking contrast to the object upon which it rests. In the latter being sparely covered with hair. Iwakura has a good substantial head, with strong individuality marked in his features, and gives the hand a cordial grasp when introduced to a stranger. Standing upon the deck this morning, the cynosure of all eyes, he was not in the least disconcerted, and never gave the slightest evidence of mind—not even in the presence of ladies.

Our mission consisted of Mr. and Mrs. De Long, and a little DeLong, recently born in Japan, and which, at the first meeting with this little group, the ladies and gentlemen who were exchanging courtesies with the embassy felt entirely at their ease. Mrs. DeLong was dressed in sable, and with charming grace assisted her husband in doing the honors of the occasion

The first evidence of civilization among the Japanese was the Mother Goose melody constructed like What Cheer Houses for each of the European plan—ample in quantity. As soon as the Japanese leaves his native country he discards the costume of his forefathers and dresses in the style of the Occident, that is, he tries to do it, and sometimes succeeds. Some of the Japanese gentlemen on the steamer looked stylish in their broadcloth suits, while others looked as they will, and homely. All were happy. Among the students were many lads, ranging from 8 to 20 years, and any one of them would compare favorably with the average young American upon a "snap" standard. Judging from the appearance of the little fellows, Japan is not a good place to buy fashionable clothes for youths. Some of the suits were curtailed by injudicious tailors, who seem to have simply cut off enough cloth to allow the Jap to use his hands and feet, and left the rest on the ground. In one instance a lad of about 8 years wore a pair of tight colored striped pants, a broad brimmed felt hat, and a long-backed frock coat. The cynosure, which was evidently the *piece de resistance* of the costume, was a tile 10 or 12 inches in length, with three large buttons on each tail. Altogether this noble scion of a noble race was a grotesque figure.

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In response to inquiries by a gentleman of the press, Minister DeLong has stated that the Government of Japan is divided into nine departments: Religion, Education, Finance, Foreign Affairs, Army, Navy, Agriculture, Public Works, and the Judicial. From each of these departments there are three ministers attached to this embassy. They rank as Secretaries of the embassy. They are in their several departments ministers of high rank, and are vested with large powers while on this embassy. Their object is to investigate the institutions that is, he tries to do it, and sometimes succeeds. Some of the Japanese gentlemen on the steamer looked stylish in their broadcloth suits, while others looked as they will, and homely. All were happy. Among the students were many lads, ranging from 8 to 20 years, and any one of them would compare favorably with the average young American upon a "snap" standard. Judging from the appearance of the little fellows, Japan is not a good place to buy fashionable clothes for youths. Some of the suits were curtailed by injudicious tailors, who seem to have simply cut off enough cloth to allow the Jap to use his hands and feet, and left the rest on the ground. In one instance a lad of about 8 years wore a pair of tight colored striped pants, a broad brimmed felt hat, and a long-backed frock coat. The cynosure, which was evidently the *piece de resistance* of the costume, was a tile 10 or 12 inches in length, with three large buttons on each tail. Altogether this noble scion of a noble race was a grotesque figure.

Visitors were, from time to time, and several Japanese females on the steamer. Three of the young ladies were elegantly dressed, according to the fashions of the country, and one of the party was decidedly pretty. There were three others, young girls, who were neatly, but not so richly dressed. The gowns were made of parti-colored silk, of fine texture, though the material seemed appropriate as worn. Hitherto females of noble blood have not been allowed to leave the country except under extraordinary circumstances. A late edict of the mikado says;

My country is now undergoing a complete change from old to